



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 1, 2020

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, Chair Pro Tem, District I

Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chair, District III

Mr. Julian Davis III, Chairman, District IV

Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. McCall], County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Caitlin Herrington / The Journal

Call to Order

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Clerk to Council, Katie Smith at ksmith@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.

Mr. Markovich addressed Council regarding Ordinance 2020-17 and noted he was not opposed to the idea of the ordinance, but the language needs to be revised.

County Council Response to Public Comment

None at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Davis asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Member.

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Invocation by County Council Member

Mr. Cain, County Council Member, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Sheriff Crenshaw led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 4 – 0, to approve the August 18, 2020 Regular Minutes as presented.

Administrator’s Comments

None at this meeting.

Attorney’s Comments

None at this meeting.

Proclamation 2020-07

- **Proclamation 2020-07** Honoring Mr. Reginald “Reg” Thomas Dexter, Oconee County Council District V Representative

Mr. Davis read **Proclamation 2020-07** into the record.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0, to approve **Proclamation 2020-07**.

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

If you are not able to attend in person and you would like to be heard during the public hearing, please contact Katie Smith at ksmith@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023 so that she may coordinate your participation by telephone.

None at this meeting.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting.

First Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2020-15 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO OR RATIFYING THE CURRENT ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF AN INTEREST IN THAT CERTAIN AMENDED FEE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2017, AS PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED AND RATIFIED BY ORDINANCE 2019-15 DATED MAY 21, 2019,

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SUCH CURRENT ASSIGNMENT FROM PARKWAY REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS SOUTH CAROLINA, LLC, AND SUCH CURRENT ASSUMPTION BY DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, LLC, AND CONFIRMED BY ITECH BUYER, LLC AS A CONTINUING CO-SPONSOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT MEMORIALIZING SUCH CURRENT ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AND CURRENT CONSENT OR RATIFICATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 4 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-15** on first reading.

Ordinance 2020-16 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OCONEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BANK ORDINANCE, O.C. CODE SECTIONS 2-398 THROUGH 2-409.”

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 4 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-16** on first reading.

Ordinance 2020-17 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve **Ordinance 2020-17** on first reading.

Mr. Elliott thanked the Planning Commission for all of their hard work and dedication to this ordinance.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was approved 4 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-17** on first reading.

Ordinance 2020-18 [Title Only] “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2020-01 THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.”

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 4 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2020-18** on first reading in title only.

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First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2020-07 “AN INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT URBAN MINE WITH RESPECT TO A PROJECT IN THE COUNTY WHEREBY THE PROJECT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF TAXES, AND WOULD BE PROVIDED CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS AGAINST FEE PAYMENTS; AND RELATED MATTERS.”

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0, to approve **Resolution 2020-07** on first & final reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Authorize and direct the County Administrator to execute a Project Development Agreement between Johnson Controls and Oconee County for the purposes of investigating the development of an energy savings performance contract.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to approve the County Administrator to execute a Project Development Agreement between Johnson Controls and Oconee County for the purposes of investigating the development of an energy savings performance contract.

Mr. Davis noted this is Johnson Controls working with the County, not the actual Johnson Controls plant.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Elliott, it was approved 4 – 0, for the County Administrator to execute a Project Development Agreement between Johnson Controls and Oconee County for the purposes of investigating the development of an energy savings performance contract.

Council Committee Reports

Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management Committee

Mr. Davis read from a prepared statement [copy filed with backup materials] outlining discussions held at the August 18, 2020 Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee.

Board & Commission Appointments

Building Codes Appeal Board

No questionnaires were submitted for the 1 At Large seat.

Board of Zoning Appeals

No questionnaires were submitted for the District 5 seat.

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Conservation Bank Board

No questionnaires were submitted for the District 5 or 1 At Large seat.

Arts & Historical Commission

No questionnaires were submitted for the District 4 seat.

Executive Session:

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0, to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Dolly.

[2] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Aztec.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:16 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0.

Mr. Davis stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council

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